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SEMENOV STATEMENT, APRIL 14, 1978

IN THE COURSE OF THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS THE USSR
DELEGATION HAS MORE THAN ONCE SET FORTH THE SOVIET POSI-
TION ON THE DEFINITION OF CRUISE MISSILE RANGE.

WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PROVISION OF THE DRAFT SHOULD
CORRESPOND TO THE CONTENT OF THE EXISTING UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN OUR TWO STATES REGARDING LIMITATION OF THESE
MISSILES, WHICH PROVIDES FOR ESTABLISHING LIMITS OF 600
AND 2,500 KILOMETERS, AS RECORDED IN THE RELEVANT AGREED
PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT TREATY AND THE PROTOCOL THERETO.
IT IS PRECISELY THESE MAXIMUM FIGURES WHICH MUST BE
EMBODIED IN THE CRUISE MISSILE RANGE DEFINITION BEING
WORKED OUT.

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PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS AND DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE
CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH IN THE DRAFTING GROUP, THE USSR
DELEGATION HEREBY TABLES REVISED WORDING FOR THE AGREED
STATEMENT TO ARTICLE II, PAR. 8, OF THE DRAFT TREATY:

"AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 8 OF ARTICLE II OF THE

- TREATY

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE RANGE OF A CRUISE MISSILE IS THE MAXIMUM DISTANCE WHICH CAN BE COVERED BY THE MISSILE IN ITS STANDARD DESIGN MODE FLYING UNTIL FUEL EXHAUSTION, AND DETERMINED BY PROJECTING ITS FLIGHT PATH ONTO THE EARTH'S SPHERE FROM THE POINT OF LAUNCH TO THE POINT OF IMPACT."

THIS PROVISION IS INCLUDED IN THE JOINT DRAFT TEXTS OF THE DOCUMENTS BEING WORKED OUT.

THE SOVIET SIDE BELIEVES THAT THE DEFINITION OF CRUISE MISSILE RANGE, AS WELL AS THE DEFINITION OF CRUISE MISSILES, MUST BE INCLUDED IN ARTICLE II OF THE TREATY, SINCE ARTICLES V AND VIII CONTAIN APPROPRIATE OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON CRUISE MISSILES, AND THESE OBLIGATIONS WILL REMAIN IN FORCE THROUGHOUT THE TERM OF THE TREATY.

SEMENOV STATEMENT, APRIL 14, 1978

THE USSR DELEGATION NOTES THAT AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS HELD IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, JOINT DRAFT TEXTS OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC DEFENSIVE ARMS AND THE
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PROTOCOL THERETO, AS WELL AS OF THE JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND BASIC GUIDELINES FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, HAVE BEEN UPDATED AS OF APRIL 14, 1978.

THE AFOREMENTIONED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED AND REFLECT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS.

THE JOINT DRAFT TEXTS CONTAIN AGREED PROVISIONS, AS WELL AS PROPOSALS BY THE SIDES ON ISSUES ON WHICH WORK WILL HAVE TO BE CONTINUED.

I CONFIRM THESE DOCUMENTS, AS OF APRIL 14, 1978, AD REFERENDUM TO MY GOVERNMENT.

IN CONCLUSION I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET AND U.S. SIDES IN THE DRAFTING GROUP AND IN THE WORKING SUBGROUP FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. EARLE

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